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Vehicles and the Outdoors: A Flammable Combination

UTAH—Ever wonder how all the road-side wildfires start? We often don't realize all the little things on your vehicle and trailer that can start a devastating wildfire and destroy homes and natural resources. Keep this in mind while enjoying the outdoors this summer. The following are some guidelines and safety inspections you can do to help prevent wildfires.

- **Follow all public-use restrictions and access closures.** It is important to check with local agencies about closures before venturing off-road.
- **Inspect your tires.** Check the tires on your vehicle and trailer before traveling. Never overload your trailer. This can blow a tire, which causes grinding from the rim and could start a wildfire.
- **Keep vehicles off dry grass.** Exhaust systems can heat up to 1,000 degrees and your catalytic converter can reach 2,000 degrees in a short drive. This can ignite grasses and shrubs quickly, because this vegetation ignites at a temperature of 450 degrees.
- **Inspect trailer safety chains.** Assure that safety chains are suspended above the ground and not dragging. This can cause sparks and start a wildfire under current severe fire conditions.
- **Check your spark arrestor.** Before heading outdoors, clean your ATV spark arrestor. This will reduce the chance of a spark starting a wildfire.
- **Be prepared.** Carry a shovel and a fire extinguisher in your vehicle and ATV.

We can all make a difference in reducing human-caused fires during this season of extreme fire danger. Do Your Part...Don't Start Wildfires. For more information visit www.utahfireinfo.gov.

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